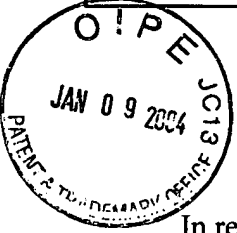




750 BERING DRIVE
HOUSTON, TX 77057-2198
PHONE 713.787.1400
FAX 713.787.1440
A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CIACCI, Paolo Lorenzo *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 3745

Serial No.: 10/604,620

Examiner: Not assigned

Confirmation No.: 1619


Atty. Dkt. No.: 12693.0023.00US00

Filed: August 5, 2003

For: VARIABLE-GEOMETRY TURBINE STATOR
BLADE, PARTICULARLY FOR AIRCRAFT
ENGINES

TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS AND PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL	
(Paste Express Mail Label Here)	
NUMBER	EV 348202787US
DATE OF DEPOSIT	Jan. 9, 2004
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
 Signature	

Enclosed please find two sheets of formal drawings for the above referenced patent application.

Enclosed please find a certified copy of the following foreign priority document for use in the above noted application:

Country: Italy

Application No.: TO 2002 A000699

Filing Date: August 6, 2002

Please use this document to perfect Applicants' priority claim under 35 U.S.C. §119.



Serial No.: 10/604,620

Confirmation No.: 1619

Applicants: CIACCI, Paolo Lorenzo

Atty. Ref.: 12693.0023.00US00

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. The undersigned representative further authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 12693.0023.00US00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle C. Replogle', written over the printed name.

Michelle C. Replogle

Patent Attorney

Reg. No. 54,394

Tel. 713.787/1535

Date: 1/9/04